

portion of the IFP Application lists only the assets and income of the minor child (IFP Appl. 1-5.)

A parent has the legal responsibility for the care of his or her child. Therefore, when determining the ability of a minor to pay the filing fees, the Court may look to the financial resources of the parent, or, if appropriate, a next friend, or guardian *ad litem*, as well as the minor. See e.g., White ex rel. Diggs v. Barnhart, Nos. 102CV556, 102CV557, 2002 WL 1760980, at *2 (M.D.N.C. July 30, 2002) (unpublished) (citing Williams v. Spencer, 455 F. Supp. 205, 208 (D. Md. 1978); Fridman v. City of New York, 195 F. Supp. 2d 534, 537 (S.D.N.Y. 2002); Zhu v. Countrywide Realty Co., 148 F. Supp. 2d 1154, 1156 (D. Kan. 2001) (collecting cases)).

Plaintiff, through her attorney, shall be directed to file an IFP Application that lists her own income, assets, and expenses, as well as any financial support she, or C.H.H., receives from C.H.H.'s parent(s). Failure to comply with this Order, shall result in the denial of in forma pauperis status.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that Plaintiff shall have 21 days from entrance of this Order to file an Application to Proceed in District Court without Prepaying Fees or Costs that contains Plaintiff's own financial information and includes any financial support she, or C.H.H., receives from C.H.H.'s parent(s). Alternatively, Plaintiff may pay the \$400.00 filing fee.

Signed: March 1, 2017



Graham C. Mullen
United States District Judge

